

The Married-womans Case:

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Good Counsell to Mayds, to be carefull of hastie Marriage, by the
example of other Married-women. To the tune of
The Married-mans Case.



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before you are we'l advised,
Take not too much haste to the marriage bed,
lest the shames be too dearly prized:
sure to try before you doe trust,
many lone not but onely for lust;
make their poore wivens to leape at a crull:
thus liues a woman that's marry'd, is marry'd,
thus a poore woman that marry'd.

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ent and ere's prepared; (foze
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A woman that marries a quarrelling Corcombe,
bath canse enough to offaske her:
For when k b the Alehouse he bringeth a for home,
hee'l finde some occasion to baile her:
She seldom shall goe without her face blacke,
She shall not want blisshes, though little she lacke,
Although from a man he'l perhaps turne his backe:
And thus liues a woman that's marry'd, is marry'd,
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Not only at home he's ginen to quarrell,
but also in other places:
where now and then, to his wonderfull perill,
he makes with knocks and disgraces;
And then his poore wife his Surgeon must bee,
To cure his infirmities ready is shee;
Yet so; her endeavour ingratefull is hee:
And thus liues a woman that's marry'd, is marry'd,
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A woman that to a whore-monger is wed,
is in a most desperate case:
She scarce dares performe her duty in bed,
with one of condition so base: (Fleas,
For sometimes hee's bitten with Turnbull-flat
The Pox, or some other infectious disease;
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The second part,

To the same tune.



A Woman that marries a drunken sot,
must looke for no competent living;
For he all the day will sit at the Pot,
and neuer takes thought for thaining:
From Alehouse to Alehouse all day he will come,
While she sits with beere and faire water at home;
What-euer he gets, he giueth her none:
And thus liues a woman that's marry'd, is marry'd,
Thus liues a poore woman that's marry'd.

And if she haue children, her griefe is the more,
to heare them complaine for bottle,
While their wretched father ith' Alehouse doth roze,
and thinkes of their want but little:
So many such husbands there be, the Lord knowes,
That will haue good liquor, how ere the world goes:
But she that has such a one, needs no more woes:
Yet thus liues a woman that's marry'd, is marry'd.
Oh, thus liues a woman that's marry'd.

A woman that is to a gambler espoused,
become is to be lamented:
For he from his gaming can hardly be rouzed,
by any meanes can be inuented:
He's either at Tables, thristy, at Tables of Dice,
Where while he sits wishing for Bat and Foise,
His money consumeth away with a thriste:
And thus liues a woman that's marry'd, is marry'd.
Oh, thus liues a woman that's marry'd.

As long as his pur'e with monies is in'd,
he neuer has power to giue ouer;
And if he haue lost, tis still in his mind,
that he shall his losses recouer:

And thus night and day with balne folly hee's led
And waits what should maintaine his household with
Who oft are constrain'd to goe fasting to bed,
And thus liues a woman that's marry'd, &c.

A woman whose ty'de to a jealous aile,
is a flane to his doubtfull condition:
She hardly dares looke any man in the face,
but still it produceth suspicion;
He marketh her steps with so watchfull an eye,
And though she all basenelle hath seene and eie,
Yet he dreams of honres, when he knowes no realtie.
And thus liues a woman that's marry'd, &c. (why:

And thus it is difficult, doe what you can,
a perfect good husband to light on:
Then let so faire Maiden be in loue with a man
that she hath but ouely set light on:
For marriage must not be accounted a toy,
One houre brings much sorowes on top:
When do not (Sweet Damels) your fortunes
By being too hasty of marriage, of marriage,
Thinke first how to liue when y'are marry'd.

And thus Ile conclide, as I began,
With this friendly admonition:
Let so tooman be lesse marry a man,
before she has tri'd his condition:
For time will bring euery adon to biele,
And try whether Louers be faithlesse or true:
And thus, gentle Maidens I bid you adieu;
Desiring you well to be marry'd, be marry'd,
Or else may you neuer be marry'd. *Fine. M.P.*
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